SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be the "Travancore Suppression of Immoral Traffic Bill".

PRESIDENT: Having regard to the opposition that has been voiced here, you may include in the Select Committee all those who have definite views on the subject.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to move that the Travancore Suppression of Immoral Traffic Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members.

Messrs:—
1. S. Chattanatha Karayalar
2. T. C. Kesava Pillai
3. P. V. Mathai Chemparathi
4. K. C. Karunakaran
5. Menatheri N. Kesava Panicker
6. Padiyara Joseph Kunju
7. Sahib Bahadur V. Chandamiah
8. Kainikara M. Padmanabha Pillai
9. J. E. A. Periera
10. E. P. Varughese
11. M. Sivathanu Pillai
12. N. Narayana Kurup
13. D. C. Joseph and
14. Srimathi T. Narayani Amma

R. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE EVIDENCE BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Evidence Bill. Sir it was one of the recommendations of the Laws Delays Commissioner to enact a law of this kind in this State. In almost every decision we find the courts stating that the Indian Evidence Act is not law in Travancore, but its provisions are relevant. If one judge is not inclined to accept it, he says that he is not bound by the Indian Evidence Act. But at the same time there is another Judge who says that the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act are relevant and so he would accept it. Such is the practice in Court. This Bill is based on the Indian Evidence Act. Clause 30 of the Bill which deals with the relevancy of the confession of the accused against a co-accused mark a departure from the accepted rule. I move that the Bill be now read.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was put to vote and declared carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be the "Travancore Evidence Bill".

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the bill may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:

Messrs:—
1. S. Chattanatha Karayalar
2. E. E. Pandarathil
3. N. V. Joseph

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Messrs.

4. Joseph Vithayathil
5. M. G. Kesava Pillai
6. T. C. Kesava Pillai
7. A. K. Kumaran Vaidyan
8. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai
9. Murukkumpuzha V. Kunjukrishnan
10. Sahib Bahadur M. K. Makkar Pillai
11. N. Ramakrishna Pillai
12. M. Sivathanu Pillai
13. J. W. Tolson and
14. Kannanthodath Janardanan Nair.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

Tho motion was put to vote and declared carried.

THE TRAVANCORE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Penal Code (Amendment) Bill. The question of amending the Penal Code so as to bring it into conformity with the Indian Penal Code was engaging the attention of the Government and sometime back, about 4 or 5 years back, a Committee was appointed to go into the question. The one notable work done by that Committee was in respect of the Penal Code. They made certain recommendations. They were subsequently considered by Government and I have embodied in this Bill those that Government have thought fit to adopt. A new chapter on Criminal Conspiracy is proposed to be introduced. The law relating to forfeiture of property is sought to be revised. It is to be hereafter made optional with courts, and Section 182 of the Penal Code is completely revised and redrafted. Then a new section relating to obscene publications is introduced and various other wholesome provisions are also proposed. I therefore move, Sir, that the Bill be read.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be the "Travancore Penal Code (Amendment) Bill."

PRESIDENT: This is one of the series of Bills seeking to make uniform our law with the laws in British India as to certain matters in which the whole of India is interested. It is found in the administration of Justice — both civil and criminal — that the absence of uniformity in the Civil Procedure Code and the Criminal Procedure Code leads to great complications in actual practice. And as it is now an accepted doctrine that the Courts of this State and the laws of this State are quite on a par with those of British India, it is advantageous to have similar provisions in matters of fundamental legal doctrine and procedure.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the Travancore Penal Code (Amendment) Bill be referred to a select Committee consisting of the following members;

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